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2. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said agent for treating said filler is a silane compound that is inert relative to said chlorinated polyolefin.

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9. (Amended) A method of preparing an extrudable and curable insulating composition that is resistant to oil and to propagating fire, the composition including a basic mixture, and an amino-silane for curing said basic mixture, wherein said basic mixture contains chlorinated polyolefin, and for 100 parts by weight of said chlorinated polyolefin, 100 to 250 parts by weight of a mineral filler containing moisture and an agent for treating said mineral filler by reacting with the moisture contained therein, comprising:

mixing the following together while heating them: said chlorinated polyolefin, said filler, and said treatment agent, thereby obtaining said basic mixture which has been made uniform,

transforming said basic mixture,

adding said amino-silane to said transformed basic mixture during extrusion of said basic mixture.

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11. (Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein said transformed basic mixture and a solid auxiliary polymeric compound containing said amino-silane are mixed in an extruder hopper.

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12. (Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein said amino-silane is injected onto said transformed basic mixture having an auxiliary polymeric compound added thereto which adsorbs said injected amino-silane almost instantaneously, in an extruder hopper.
